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**Academic Program Review Committee
Faculty Senate Report Fall 2013**

Current Committee Members:

Marilyn Barbour (chair), Laura Beauvais, Winnie Brownell, Clifford Katz, Dana Kovarsky, Paula McGlasson, Scott McWilliams, Henry Schwarzbach, David Smith, Leon Thiem

Recognition to: Veronica Walsh, IR, coordinator of the Central Data Report

Committee Charge:

5.86.10 The Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) shall develop and maintain the academic program review instrument. The committee shall coordinate the administration of the review, oversee the collection of data, and compile and disseminate information resulting from the review as outlined in sections 8.86.10-14. When academic program reviews are conducted, the committee shall serve as a resource to departments and programs being reviewed. The committee shall receive and respond to comments regarding the program review process, including, but not limited to, the academic program review instrument.

Background:

The University's Academic Program Review consists of three elements:

- 1) Data collected centrally and distributed through institutional research (Central Data Report)
- 2) Data collected by departments/units biennially using an electronic survey (Chair Survey)
- 3) Self-Study, which is performed every six years and has external review. The data collection elements of APR have the primary function of providing longitudinal data for the self-study.

2012-2013 Activities of the APRC:

- 1) Summer 2012: Data from 1st Biennial Chair Survey returned to Department Chairs and Deans
- 2) January 2013: Release of 3rd Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans
- 3) January 2013: Self-Study schedule vetted and finalized with College Deans with confirmation by Department Chairs
- 4) Spring 2013-Fall 2013: Initiation of Self-Studies

APRC member(s) have met with:

- a) College of Engineering Dean (*all departments* scheduled for completion fall 2013/spring 2014)
- b) College of Business Dean (scheduled for completion spring 2014)
- c) College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Associate Deans and Department Chairs (departments listed scheduled for completion spring 2014):

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Department of Economics

Department of History

Department of Political Science

Program in Africana Studies

Program in Military Science and Leadership

- d) College of Human Science and Services-(department listed scheduled for completion spring 2014):

Department of Communicative Disorders- Dept Chair member of APRC

2013-2014 Activities of APRC:

- 1) Fall 2013: Creating guidelines for external reviewer visit and report
- 2) Release of 4th Annual Central Data Report in January 2014 to Department Chairs and Deans
- 3) **Release of 2nd Biennial Chair Survey, March 2014; expected completion date by chairs: April 30, 2014**

4) Spring 2014: Initiation of second APR Self-Study cycle: Departments scheduled for completion spring 2015:

College of Arts and Sciences:

Department of Psychology

Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature

Department of Communication Studies

Department of English

Department of Journalism

Department of Philosophy

Department of Writing and Rhetoric

Program in Gender and Women's Studies

Program in Film Media

College of Human Science and Services:

School of Education

The link to materials for Academic Program Review can be found on the Faculty Senate webpage:

http://www.uri.edu/facsen/about/committees/minutes/2012-2013/APRC/APRC_docs.html

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